Entry Tax on Sugar in M.P.

1832. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entry tax on sugar paid by Madhya Pradesh State Commodities Trading Corporation to the State Government is not being compensated from the 'Sugar Equalisation Fund' ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider compensating the State Commodities Trading Corporation from Sugar Equalisation Fund for this expenditure in view of the fact that Food Corporation of India was duly paying the entry tax to the State Government and also that the entry tax is levied in lieu of the Octroi and is fully redistributed to the various local bodies by the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This adds to the cost of levy sugar, which, as a national policy, is supplied through Public Distribution System at a uniform price throughout the country.

(c) The matter is under consideration of Government

1833 [*Transferred to the* 28th *May*, 1990].

कृषकों को प्रशिक्षण देने की योजना

1834. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् ने कृषकों को प्रशिक्षण देने हेतु कोई विशेष योजना बनाई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नितिश कुमार) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) यह काम कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्र योजना के द्वारा किया जाता है । कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्रों की स्थापना निम्न कार्यों के लिए की गई हैं :—

(क) नवीनतम कृषि टेक्नोलाजी का प्रदर्शन और (ख) कार्य द्वारा अनुभव प्राप्त करके किसानों, कृषि महिलाओं और क्षेत्र स्तर पर कार्य करने वाले विस्तार कार्यकर्ताओं को व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण देना ।

Recognition of "Namshudra Community" as Scheduled Castes in W.B.

1835. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Namshudra community in West Bengal are in the category of Scheduled Castes and whether they are getting all benefits as recognised scheduled castes;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the people belonging to this community were rehabilitated by the Central Government in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh who came as refugees from West Bengal and the erstwhile East Pakistan after partition but they were denied the status of Scheduled castes and as such deprived of the facilities admissible to persons of their status.

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether these refugees on migration from West Bengal and erstwhile East Bengal now Bangladesh to Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have also been notified as scheduled castes if not, what are the reasons therefor ?